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Amendments to the Specification

Applicants respectfully request the application be amended, without prejudice, prior to examination as follows:

Please amend paragraph [001] on page 2 as follows:

[001] This application claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) to German Patent Application Number 10231370.9-43, filed on July 11, 2002 119(e) to U.S. provisional patent application No. 60/425,684, filed November 12, 2002, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Please amend paragraph [058] on page 9 as follows:

[058] The sugar residues in the compounds of the formula I are either L- or D-sugars in their alpha (α) and beta (β) glycosidic form, such as, for example, allose, altrose, glucose, mannose, gulose, idose, galactose, talose. Examples of these sugars include: β -glucose, β -galactose, and α -mannose; for instance β -glucose, β -allose, and α -mannose; for example β -glucose.

Please amend paragraph [0108] on page 22 as follows:

[0108] The compound BB is dissolved in methanol and reacted with sodium methanolate, resulting in the compound of the formula K CC.

Please amend paragraph [0221] on page 58 as follows:

[0221] 148 mg of 3,4,5-triacetoxy-6-(2-vinyl-thiophen-3-yloxy)-tetrahydropyran-2-ylmethyl acetate were dissolved in 2 ml of dichloromethane along with the reactant 4-methoxy-styrene under argon. Tricyclohexylphosphine-[1,3-bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydroimidazol-2-ylidene][benzylidene]ruthenium(IV) dichloride (23 mg, dissolved in 2 ml

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of dichloromethane) was added, and the solution was heated under reflux for 8 h. The reaction solution was concentrated and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, heptane/ethyl acetate 2:1). 132 mg of the product with the molecular mass of 562.60 (C₂₇H₃₀O₁₁S) were obtained. MS(ESI): 575.20 (M+Na⁺).